[beed] BEYOND ANOTHER DARKNESS

B.A.D. RE:PLAY

HEARTRENDING CRUELTY IS BOTH UGLY AND BEAUTIFUL

ASATO MAYUZUMI
HEAD OF THE MAYUZUMI PSYCHIC INVESTIGATION FIRM WHO HAS SUPERNATURAL ABILITIES. 14 YEARS OLD. AT FIRST GLANCE, SHE'S JUST A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHO WEARS BLACK GOTHIC-LOLITA FASHION, BUT SHE REALLY HAS THE PERSONALITY OF A POWERFUL, COLDHEARTED, EGOTIST BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE "INTERESTING" SHE GAVE THE LIFE OF ODAGIRI BUT FORCED HIM TO BE HER ASSISTANT, CHOOSING TO VIEW IT AS EMPLOYMENT
TSUTOMU ODAGIRI
A STAFF'S STAFF MEMBER OF THE MAYUZUMI PSYCHIC INVESTIGATION FIRM. 19 YEARS OLD. HE USED TO BE A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BUT BECAUSE OF A CERTAIN EVENT HE WAS LEFT ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, WHERE BY CHANCE HE MET ASATO AND WAS SAVED BY HER. HE IS CONSTANTLY MANIPULATED BY ASATO'S WHIM, AND ACCUMULATES STRESS.
PEOPLE DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WEATHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE SAVED...
IT'S NOT SOMETHING I WOULD KNOW.

SUMMARY OF LAST TIME

TODAY AT THE MAYUZUMI PSYCHIC INVESTIGATION FIRM, REQUESTS FOR STRANGE CASES ARE DROPPING IN. THE CLIENT IS KOTOKO TACHIBANA. THE SUBJECT, SHE WANTS TO BE PROTECTED FROM SCALE COVERED ARMS THAT SUDDENLY REGAIN APPEARING BEFORE HER. ODAGIRI IGNORED MAYUZUMI'S WARNING AND CONTINUED TO PROTECT KOTOKO. HOWEVER, ODAGIRI, WHO WAS BEING DECEIVED, WAS COLDHEARTEDLY JUDGED BY MAYUZUMI ASATO'S MESSENGER, SAGA YUSUKE. ODAGIRI, WHO GAVE UP ON THE EVERYDAY LIFE THAT HE HAD RETURNED TO, REGAINS HIS COMPOSURE AND SAW THROUGH KOTOKO'S FALSEHOOD. AND WHILE IN HER HOME, ASATO, WHO CHANGED ODAGIRI'S FATE, EXPRESSES HERSELF BEFORE HIM-----

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AN UNFORGETTABLE MEETING
AROUND OUR SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
HAYUZUMI ASATO AND I FIRST MET
B.A.D.
LIKE-WISE...
THE GUY WITH THE BEAUTI-FUL FACE, WEARING A FOX MASK WHO HAD BEEN SEPARATED FROM OTHER PEOPLE.
HE WAS A MYSTERIOUS BOY
I TOLD MYSELF JUST THIS ONCE I WANTED TO TRY AND MAKE A LOT OF FRIENDS
I DECIDED I WOULD START WITH YOU, SO,
NICE TO MEET YOU

話題騒然
巻中カラー
A RECOLLECTION OF
BYGONE DAYS CAUSES
MY RUIN
ファミ通文庫
B.A.D.
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BUT NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL THE EVENT WAS, HE ALWAYS SHOWED UP WITHOUT FAIL
YOU MAY HAVE THOUGHT THAT HE CAME TO CLASS ON A WHIM AND WAS NOT USUALLY PRESENT
MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T CONSIDER THAT THE ATMOSPHERE ABOUT HIM STRANGELY SUITED ME
AT FIRST HIS ECCENTRIC BEHAVIOR PUT ME ON GUARD, BUT
I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT
AS IT WAS THE SCHOOL REGULATIONS AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL ARE PRETTY STRICT, AND FOR SOME REASON THAT THERE WERE NO TEACHERS WHO THREATENED HIM, BUT
HEY ODAGIRI,
THERE'S NO REASON YOU WOULDN'T NOTICE RIGHT?
HE WAS MOST CERTAINLY A "KITSUNE"*
EVEN IF WE WERE AN ALOOF LOT, IT WAS AS THOUGH I WAS PULLED IN TO A CERTAIN CARE-FREENESS BY THE BOY WHO CALLED ME, ASATO.

*T/N: KITSUNE MEANING FOX, HOWEVER THIS HAS SHINTO IMPLICATIONS

WHAT?
HUH?
SHIZUKA MIYAMA
---AH
IT'S HER AGAIN ...
OKAY, SHALL WE CALL HER OVER?
HEY, DON'T DO THAT
WHY?
DOESN'T THAT GIRL KEEP LOOKING AT YOU EVERY DAY?

JUST LOOK AT HER, LOOKING WITH THOSE EYES LIKE A PUPPY.
YOU'VE NOTICED IT TOO RIGHT?
EVEN IF SHE'S A SIMPLE-MINDED PERSON LIKE YOU, SHE HAS NO REASON TO COME WITH THOSE GLAZED EYES.
.....
---YES
HEY, SHIZUKA-CHAN
ASATO ...
I'M SORRY

ASATO...
YOU CAN'T WASTE THIS CHANCE
!
I SAID, YOU'RE ALWAYS STARING AT ODAGIRI RIGHT?
Wush
A-
ASATO-SENPAI, WHY?
PEOPLE LIKE YOU
IF YOU CAN'T MEET, YOU WILL NEVER BE HAPPY
AND IF YOU DON'T MEET THEN YOU'LL BECOME WARPED.
?
IF IT'S ALRIGHT I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD TALK A LITTLE?
MIYAMA ...SAN, RIGHT?
...AH UM...

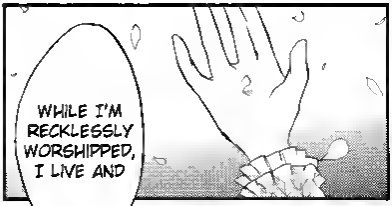
----FROM THEN ON THE THREE OF US STARTED TO SPEND TIME WITH EACH OTHER
WE HAD LUNCH TO-GETHER
AFTER CLASS WE WOULD COME TO-GETHER
AND WE WOULD DROP BY SOME PLACE AND TALK
SHIZUKA WHO LOVED ME DEARLY WHOM I THOUGHT WAS SO PRECIOUS.
IT WAS THE SAME AS HAVING A LITTLE SISTER WHOM I COULD EMBRACE.
A FRIEND WITH WHOM I WAS COM-PAT-IBLE AND
A YOUNGER CLASS-MATE WHO WAS LIKE A LITTLE SISTER
IT WAS A FUN TIME, JUST THE THREE OF US

FOOLISH MEMORIES THAT COULD BE FOUND ANYWHERE
THIS IS NOT WHAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE
---KUN
ODAGIRI-KUN
WE'VE AR-RIVED
WELCOME

TO THE MAYUZUMI HOUSEHOLD
THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S NOTHING THAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF
.....
...HA HA
THE PEOPLE FROM THE MAYUZUMI FAMILY ARE NORMAL PEOPLE FOR THE MOST PART
THOUGH THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS OF COURSE

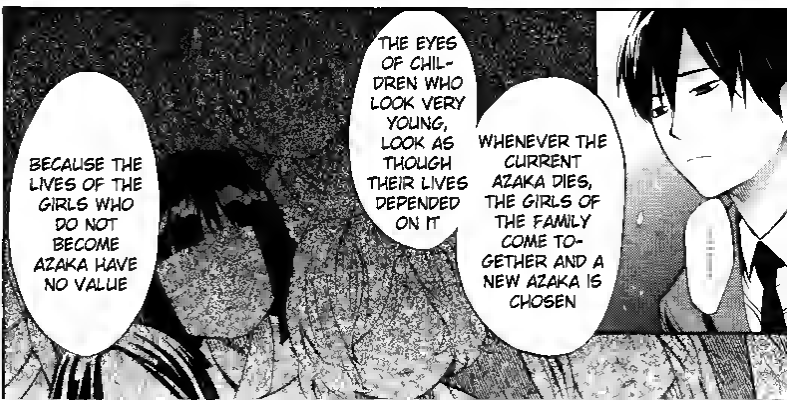
IF AZAKA MAYUZUMI WAS NOT HERE THEN THE HOUSEHOLD WOULD NOT EXIST

IT WAS A TWISTED SPECTACLE TO SEE.
EVERY ADULT IN THE MAYUZUMI FAMILY SWEARS THEIR LOYALTY TO THE YOUNG GIRLS OF THE FAMILY


WHILE I'M RECKLESSLY WORSHIPPED, I LIVE AND

I DIE.

IT'S A CURIOUS POWER THAT WE HOLD, IF WE WERE NOT HERE, THE MAYUZUMI HOUSEHOLD WOULD COLLAPSE. I BELIEVE THAT EVEN TODAY.

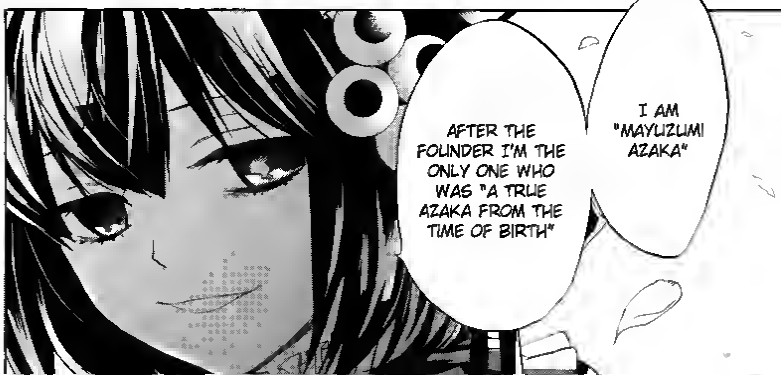

BECAUSE THE LIVES OF THE GIRLS WHO DO NOT BECOME AZAKA HAVE NO VALUE
THE EYES OF CHILDREN WHO LOOK VERY YOUNG, LOOK AS THOUGH THEIR LIVES DEPENDED ON IT
WHENEVER THE CURRENT AZAKA DIES, THE GIRLS OF THE FAMILY COME TOGETHER AND A NEW AZAKA IS CHOSEN

EVEN THOUGH THIS GENERATION OF MISTAKES ARE IN A GOOD PLACE, THEY ARE STILL OBSESSED.....
FROM THE TIME THEY ARE NOT CHOSEN TO BE AZAKA, THE WOMEN OF THE MAYUZUMI HOUSEHOLD ONLY LIVE TO BE THE SUPPORT OF THE AZAKA WHO IS BORN
AND IF AN AZAKA IS BORN IT IS AS IF THEY HAVE BECOME MAD, THEY ARE SO OVERCOME WITH JOY.
ALMOST AS IF A GOD HAD BEEN BORN
INTERESTING, NO?
THE GIRL WHO IS SELECTED FOR THE NEXT GENERATION IS TAKEN FROM THEIR BIRTHPLACE AND EDUCATED
THE WHOLE OPERATION FORCES THE CHOSEN CHILD, WHO IS THE NEXT GENERATION'S MONSTER, TO CHANGE SUCH THAT THEY CAN NEVER AGAIN RETURN TO BEING A NORMAL PERSON
.....
...WHY ARE YOU TELLING THIS TO ME?
BECAUSE UNTIL NOW, I'VE NEVER TOLD THIS TO ANYONE
WE WENT THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE TO COME TO MY BIRTHPLACE AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME

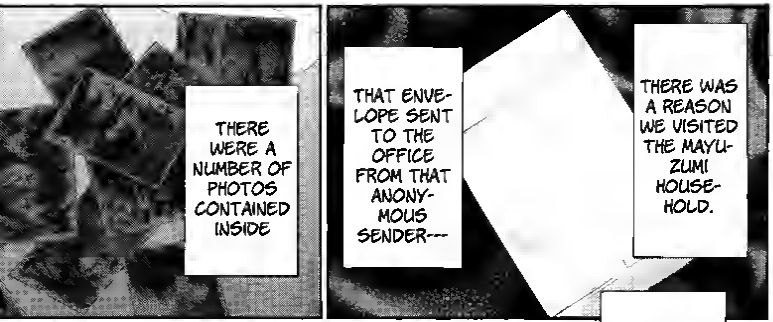
IT CERTAINLY WAS TRUE THAT I DIDN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HER
SO BEFORE SHE BECAME "AZAKA" SHE WAS A NORMAL GIRL
SHE CRIED LIKE A NORMAL GIRL AND LAUGHED LIKE A NORMAL GIRL...
THE KIND OF GIRL WHO UNDERSTOOD PEOPLE'S PAIN---
...MAYU

I'M DIFFERENT FROM MY MOTHER AND MY GRANDMOTHER
IT SEEMS YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD ME ODAGIRI

DIDN'T BEING TAKEN FROM YOUR PARENTS HOME MAKE YOU FEEL LONELY?
HM?


I AM "MAYUZUMI AZAKA"
AFTER THE FOUNDER I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS "A TRUE AZAKA FROM THE TIME OF BIRTH"

WHAT THE HELL IS SHE TRYING TO SAY
YOU SAY YOU THINK I WAS LONELY
!!
WELL I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE RETURNED BACK TO THE ROOM
BECAUSE I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT WHAT IS TO HAPPEN FROM HERE ON
IF MY STOMACH TEARS OPEN I WON'T BE COMING BACK


THERE WAS A REASON WE VISITED THE MAYUZUMI HOUSEHOLD.
THAT ENVELOPE SENT TO THE OFFICE FROM THAT ANONYMOUS SENDER---
THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PHOTOS CONTAINED INSIDE

THE BLOWN UP PICTURES WERE BAD QUALITY
HOWEVER, I WAS STILL ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED..

IN THE BACKGROUND OF A DARK FOREST, A GIRL HAD BEEN CRUCIFIED AND WAS DEAD.
WHOSE SILHOUETTE LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE "MAYUZUMI AZAKA"
WHO WOULD USE SUCH A PROFESSIONAL METHOD
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON...
WHO WAS IT THAT SENT THOSE PICTURES?
I'M SURE OF IT

THE PEOPLE OF THIS HOUSE ALSO HAVE A PECULIAR WAY OF STARTING AN INVESTIGATION
YESTERDAY'S VICTIM WAS A DISTANT RELATIVE OF MINE
THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE THE SAME AS THOSE PHOTOS
EVIDENTIALLY HER CORPSE WAS ADORNED IN GOTHIC-LOLITA STYLE WITH RED PAPER UMBRELLAS
.. MAYU, THAT PERSON...
IF YOU COMPARE HER AGE TO THE OTHER VICTIMS, SHE'S OLDER ISN'T SHE...
WELL, AREN'T YOU CLEVER
SHE MAY LOOK YOUNGER BUT SHE'S IN HER MID THIRTIES
IT WOULD SEEM ONE CAN IMAGINE WHAT THE CULPRIT WAS THINKING
THIS DOESN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING FOR US
THAT'S RIGHT ODAGIRI
I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS TO YOU

IT'S MY BLOOD
?
WHAT IS THIS...
Clack
SLOSH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IF YOU WON'T HANDLE IT WITH CARE I'LL BE UPSET
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN MAKE OVER AND OVER AGAIN
WHAT ?
OH, OKAY I'M SORRY
BLOOD ...YOU SAY?
IF WE GET SEPARATED PART OF MY SOUL LEFT IN THE BLOOD
WILL ACT AS A MEDIUM AND WILL TELL YOU MY CONDITION
THIS IS A SPECIAL CASE
IT'S MOST LIKELY THAT CORPSE
WAS ASATO'S WORK

THE FATE OF EVERY MAYUZUMI AZAKA
IS TO BE KILLED
ODAGIRI I THINK I'VE PROBABLY CAUSED YOU TO GET MIXED UP IN MY FATE
SO HOLD ON TO THAT
YOUR FATE ...?
MY GRAND-MOTHER WAS STABBED TO DEATH BY A MAN WHO RESENTED HER

MY MOTHER WAS KILLED BY A SERVANT
AND THE PERSON WHO SUCCEEDS AND TAKES THE NAME MAYUZUMI AZAKA WILL BE KILLED
click
A CURSED FATE
DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT MY TURN?
BECAUSE I HAVE SURPASSED ALL THE MAYUZUMI AZAKAS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE ME.

"THAT'S WHAT I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT"
"FROM THE BEGINNING THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO CAME TO BE AZAKA WERE WRONG"
"ODAGIRI"
I DON'T KNOW HOW ASATO CAN EVEN FUNCTION
AS IF THEY WERE GLAD TO DIE
---EVEN WHEN DANGER COMES THEY WOULD MAKE A SHOW OF LAUGHING
IT WOULD BE BEST IF I LEFT HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IT WOULD BE BAD FOR ME IF SHE DIED---

SHIZUKA

Whooosh
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE IT'S BEEN JUST THE TWO OF US
FOR SOME REASON I'M REALLY HAPPY
I KNOW RIGHT? BECAUSE ASATO IS ALWAYS WITH US
IT'D BE NICE IF
WE COULD BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS FOREVER...

HA HA, BUT STARTING NEXT YEAR WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR ENTRANCE EXAMS
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY STARTED STUDYING FOR IT....
I DON'T THINK WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET LIKE THIS MUCH LONGER
I'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU IF THAT HAPPENS
flutter
.. WHAT?
?
WHY...

WHAT WAS THAT
JUST NOW?
RUSTLE
THERE'S NO WAY
I MISHEARD YOU, I'M SORRY
THAT WOULD HAPPEN
RUSTLE
TURN
AAHH
NO..
I'M SORRY
I WAS
Shuffle
BYE
US NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET
THAT WOULDN'T
Shuffle
SNAP
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THE TIME...
WELL... BECAUSE WE'LL BECOME BUSY...

IT'S ONLY THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COME TO THE AR-CHIVES AND
YOU JUST WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE AS MUCH TIME TO YOURSELF, RIGHT?
DRIP
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
THAT'S HOW IT'LL BE
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WOULDN'T SEE ME AS MUCH RIGHT?
RIGHT?
TSUTOMU

LET'S BE TOGETHER
EVER SINCE WE ENTERED COLLEGE I THOUGHT I'D GRADUATE
AND GET MARRIED SOON AFTER.
IT WOULDN'T BE NATURAL IF WE COULD NO LONGER SEE EACH OTHER
I HAVE TO BE WITH YOU
TOGETHER FOREVER
TSUTOMU...
RIGHT?

STOP!
WHAP
WHY?
TSU-
TOMU...
.....
WHY...?
!

YOU
LIKE ME RIGHT?
Drip
Drop
WHY...?
YOU LOVE ME RIGHT!?
...I
DON'T...

LOVE YOU
stands
CRUNCH

TSUTOMU

I'M SO HAPPY..
AAHH...
_'S _
WOULD YOU ____ FOR ME?

GRIP
AHA
AHA AHA
AHA AHA
AHA HA
HM
HAHA HA
AHA HA
AHA HAHA HAHA

*T/N NOTE: SPELLED IT THAT WAY ON PURPOSE

TURN
!
DRIP
HA!
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON THROUGH AND THROUGH AREN'T YOU, ODAGIRI
MAYUZUMI IS PERFECTLY SAFE, SO DON'T WORRY~
MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHOULDN'T YOU WORRY MORE ABOUT YOUR OWN HEAD GETTING SPLIT OPEN?
.....?
IT WAS YOU.....!
...JUST AS I THOUGHT
ISN'T IT FUN BEING ASATO'S ERRAND BOY
IN A WAY IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ASATO EITHER
OOHH BUT I SAID SO BEFORE, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED SERIAL KILLER.

"THAT PERSON" ...?
DON'T CONFUSE US, THAT'S DISGUST-ING
BECAUSE THAT PERSON SAID THEY WANTED TO KILL, WE ONLY MADE PREPARATIONS
DASH
HUH?
TACKLE
!!

GRIP
-----!
Slit
HM
TO BE STOPPED BY SOMEONE LIKE YOU
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE?!
ha
ha
ha
ha
JUST DIE!
JUST GO DIE!!
FOR THE SAKE OF AZAKA
AND ONLY FOR AZAKA
I MURDER
EVEN THOUGH FOR THE SAKE OF AZAKA, I KILL AZAKA
A MERE PIECE OF GARBAGE...

THE BEAUTIFUL AZAKA
FOR HER SAKE
I WILL MURDER TODAY TOO
FOR AZAKA'S SAKE, I WILL
I'M SO HAPPY
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
AZAKA, AZAKA, AZAKA
OH MY~
WHAT ON EARTH IS HE SAYING
PLEASE FEEL PITY ON ME
AAH
AAH
AAH
UGH-
WHACK!

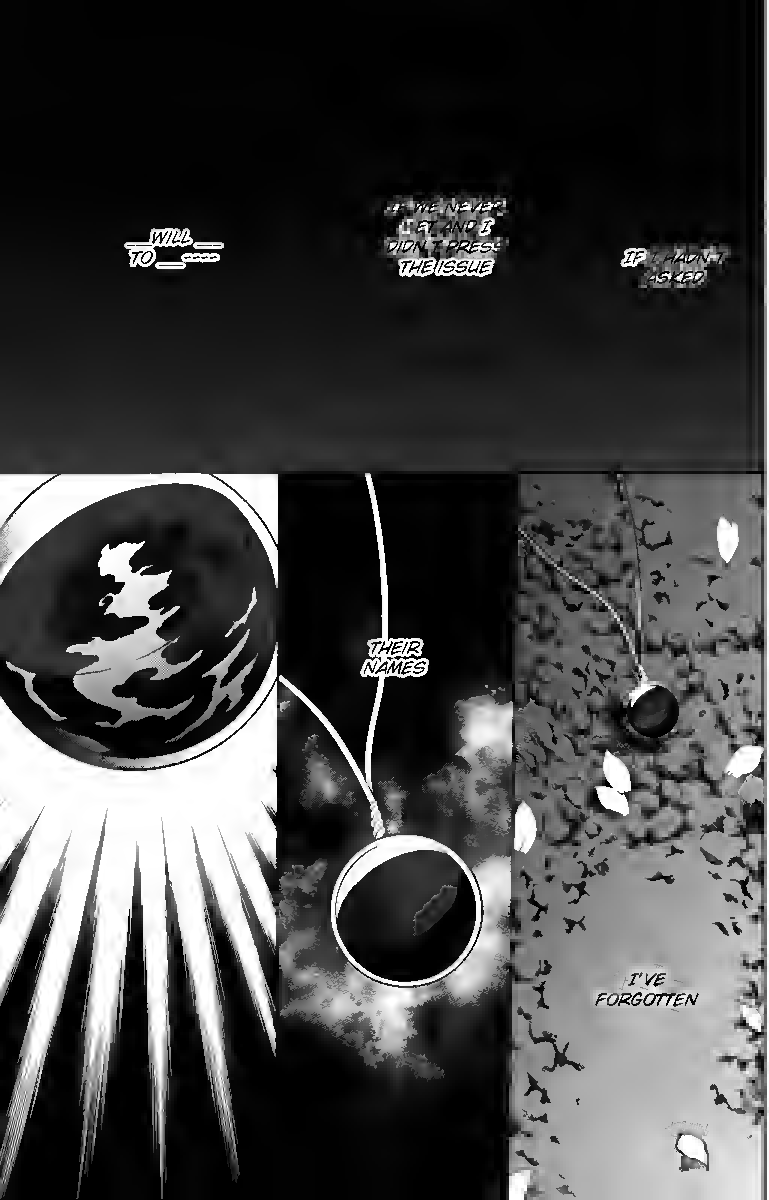
THAT MAN HAS BEEN ORDERED BY MAYUZUMI AZAKA
HE KILLED THE LAST AZAKA
WHAT
WAS THAT...?

MAYUZUMI AZAKA
GAVE HIM THAT ORDER
AND HE KILLED?
..YOU LIE.
LET ME TRY SPELLING IT OUT FOR YOU, WHEN YOU MULTIPLY IT OUT AND ADD IT ALL TOGETHER IT'S STRANGE FOR A GUY LIKE YOU TO TRUST IN MAYUZUMI
.....
WHAT? COME ON, WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
I SAID, IT'S TRUE.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU ASKED HIM WHETHER OR NOT IT'S TRUE?
UHH
UHH
.....
YOU...
I GET IT, I DON'T MIND IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME
HOWEVER
UGH

WERE YOU ORDERED BY MAYUZUMI AZAKA
TO KILL THE LAST "AZAKA"
CO UGH
GRIP
THAT'S RIGHT!
AZAKA ORDERED ME AND ONLY ME
FOR THAT SHAM OF AN AZAKA TO BE IN THE POSITION OF AZAKA, I WAS ORDERED
TO KILL THAT IMPRUDENT WOMAN!!
SO I DID AS AZAKA TOLD ME.
DESPITE ALL OF THAT, WHY..
WHY WOULD SHE..
AH AAH
A-
AAA AH
AAH
A-
AH

"THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO CAME TO BE AZAKA WERE WRONG FROM THE START"
"THAT'S WHAT I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT"
AHHA-HAHAHA
POOR ODAGIRI!
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T TRUST HER OR CONFIDE IN HER!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED IN HER!
EVEN WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE THE MINIMUM OF HUMAN KINDNESS, YOU FALLOW IT!
MA
YU
SAN...

WHICH MEANS ALL YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE HAVE COLLAPSED
GOOOOD
BYE
THUNK
THUMP
---SHE ORDERED IT
AND SHE KILLED...?


WILL TO ____
I'VE NEVER LIED AND I DIDN'T PRESS THE ISSUE
IF I HADN'T ASKED
THEIR NAMES
I'VE FORGOTTEN

BOOM
BOOM
RUSTLE
CAUGHT IN THE BEYOND
BOOM
BOOM
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H-HERE SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS ADMIN
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING
OHOHO? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM THEN.
MORE PROJECTS?
toss
WHAT?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
THOSE WERE REALY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THEM.
AGAIN?!
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL~
WE CAN'T DO ANYTING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
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